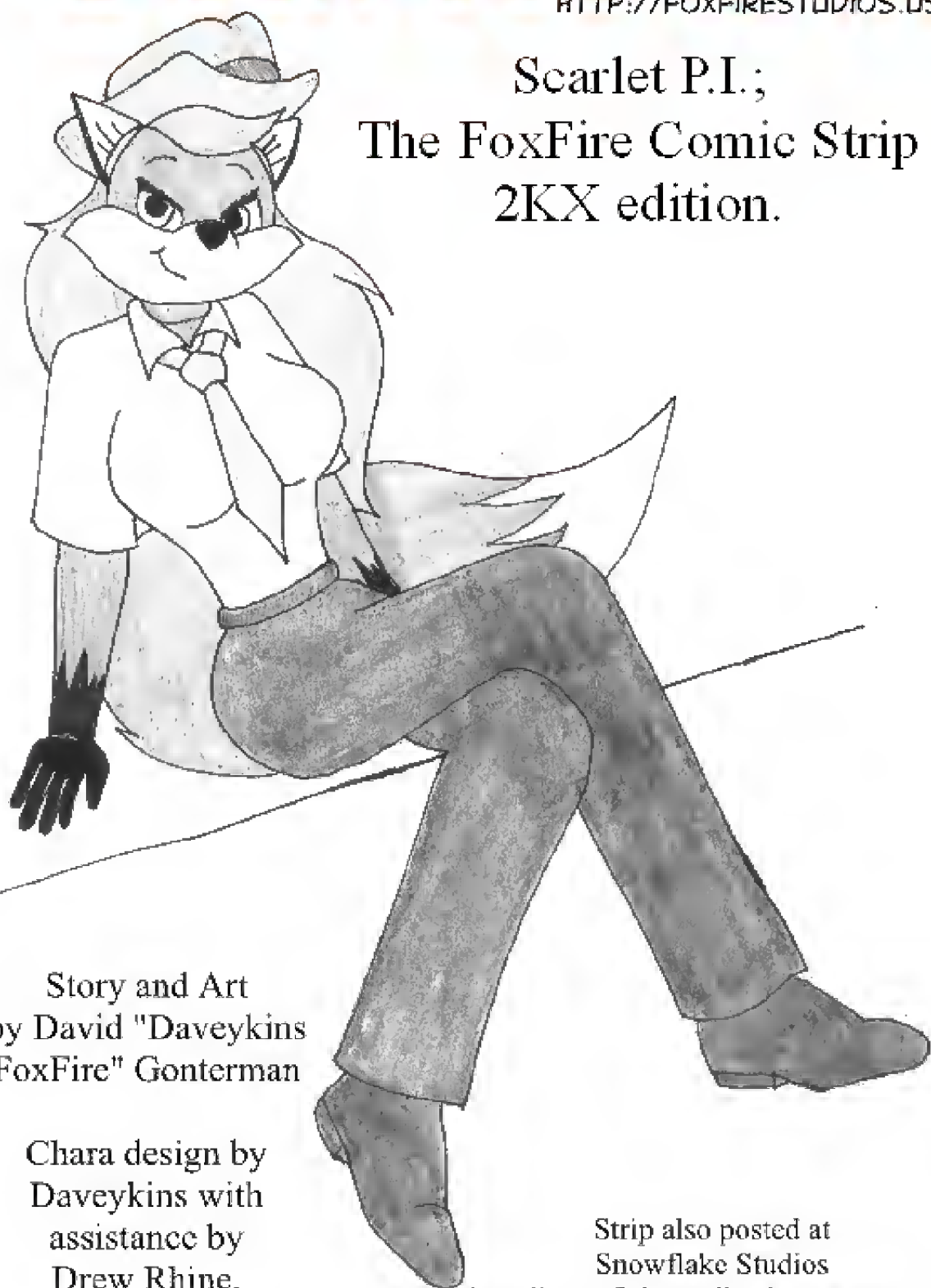




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Scarlet P.I.

Chapter One--START



YOU'VE GOTTA
BE KIDDING
ME!!

WE'RE IN A
WAR ON TERRORISM,
THE FEDERAL GOV-
ERNMENT GAVE EVERY
COP PRECINCT IN
THE COUNTRY A
GRANT...

I'VE JUST GRADUATED
TOP OF MY CLASS IN
LAW ENFORCEMENT
THANKS TO A
GUARANTEED
STUDENT LOAN...

AND I STILL
CAN'T GET
A FLIPPING JOB?!

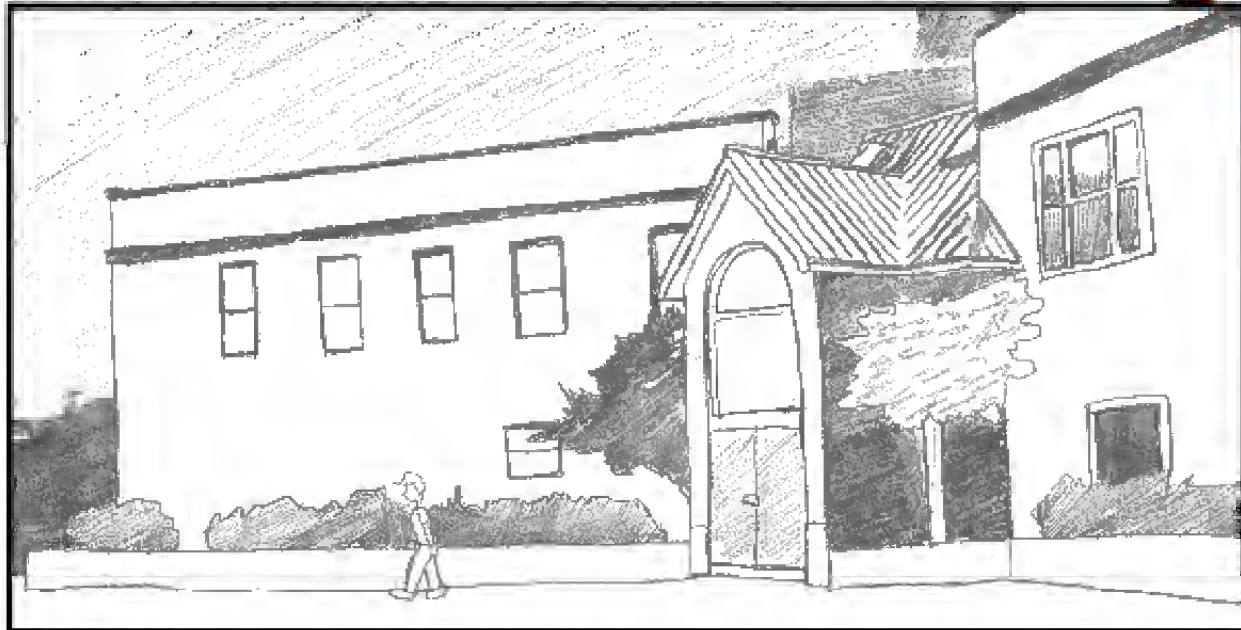
I'M REAL SORRY
ABOUT THIS,
JIM. I KNOW
YOU'RE WELL
QUALIFIED...

BUT THE GRANT WE'RE
SUPPOSED TO GET FROM
THE FEDERAL LEVEL
IS STILL HELD UP BY
CITY HALL. WE HAVEN'T
GOTTEN THE MONEY
YET...

...WE SIMPLY
DON'T HAVE
THE ABILITY
TO HIRE
ANYONE
RIGHT NOW,
NOT EVEN
GOOD
PROSPECTS
LIKE
YOURSELF.

I'LL LET YOU KNOW
WHEN I CAN HIRE
YOU, OKAY,
MR. GOODLOW?



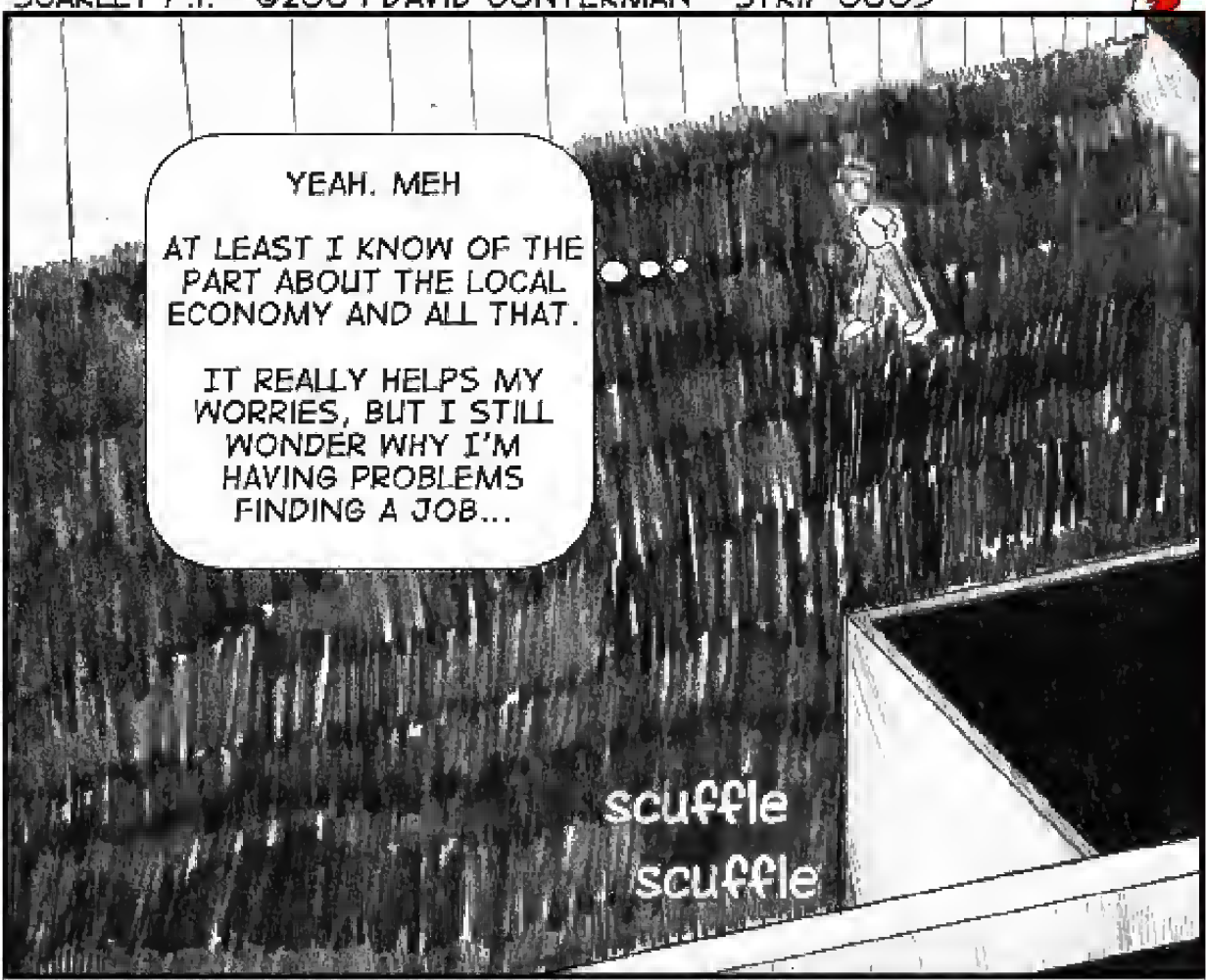


GOOD GRIEF, JIM!
YOU DIDN'T GET THE JOB?

NO OFFENSE, BUT I
THOUGHT THAT YOU
PEOPLE HAVE BETTER
JOB PROSPECTS
THAN...YOU KNOW..

NONE TAKEN.
AND MEH...





YEAH. MEH

AT LEAST I KNOW OF THE
PART ABOUT THE LOCAL
ECONOMY AND ALL THAT.

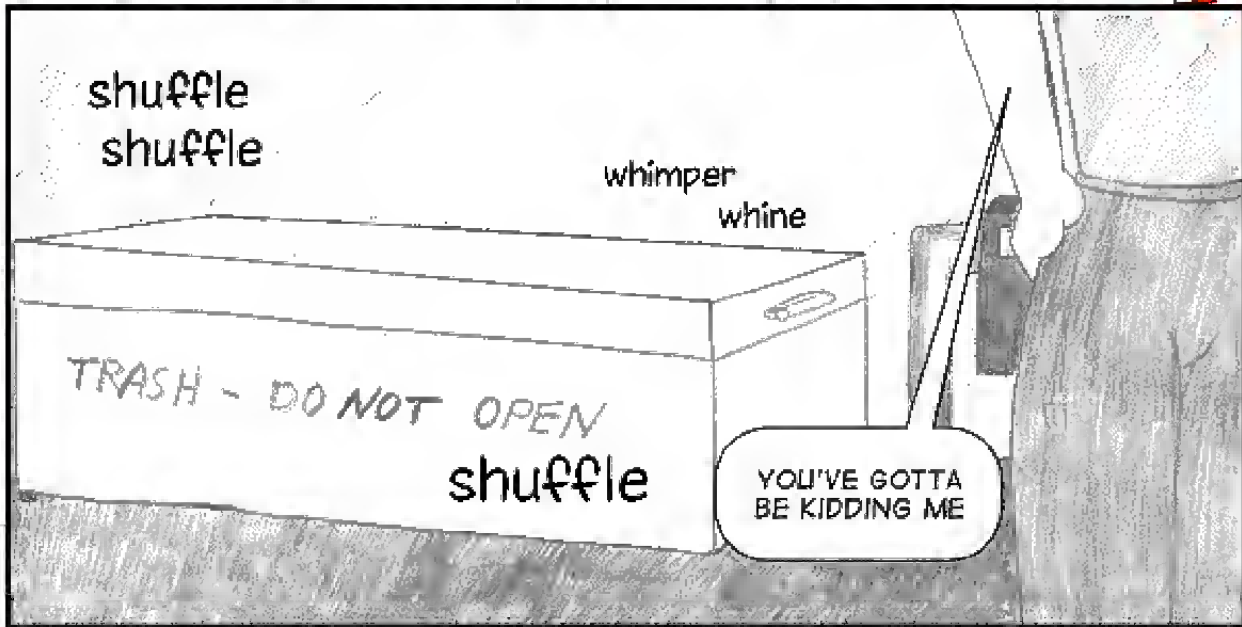
IT REALLY HELPS MY
WORRIES, BUT I STILL
WONDER WHY I'M
HAVING PROBLEMS
FINDING A JOB...

scuffle
scuffle



IT'S NOT THAT
EVERYBODY IN TOWN
KNOWS I'M...

WHAT HO, WHAT'S
THIS?











WHY, THANK
YOU, MISTER!

I COULDN'T
ASK FOR A
BETTER---

YYYYYAAAAAIIIIIIII!!!!

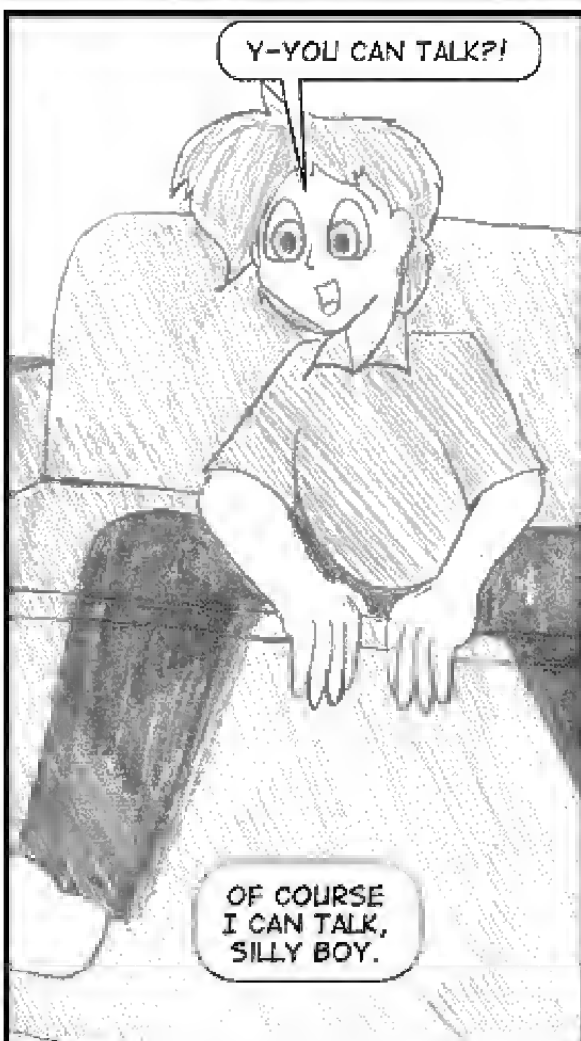
AAAAIIIEEE...

**SHE'S
ALIVE!!**



COME NOW!

IS *THIS* HOW YOU
TREAT EVERY
GIRL THAT SHOWS
UP IN YOUR HOME?!



Y-YOU CAN TALK?!

OF COURSE
I CAN TALK,
SILLY BOY.



BUT NEVER-
MIND ME BEING
ABLE TO TALK
WITH MY HEAD
OFF MY
SHOLDERS...

I THINK WE SHOULD
INTRODUCE
OURSELVES, SHALL WE?



SO, HM..
SCARLET,
RIGHT?

YEP,
THAT'S
ME.

AND, UM
THIS IS
YOU,
RIGHT?

Y-YEAH,
I'M THIS
FOX
COSTUME.



WEIRD,
HUH?



...AND APPARENTLY A VERY
LIFELIKE AND WELL
MADE COSTUME TO BOOT..

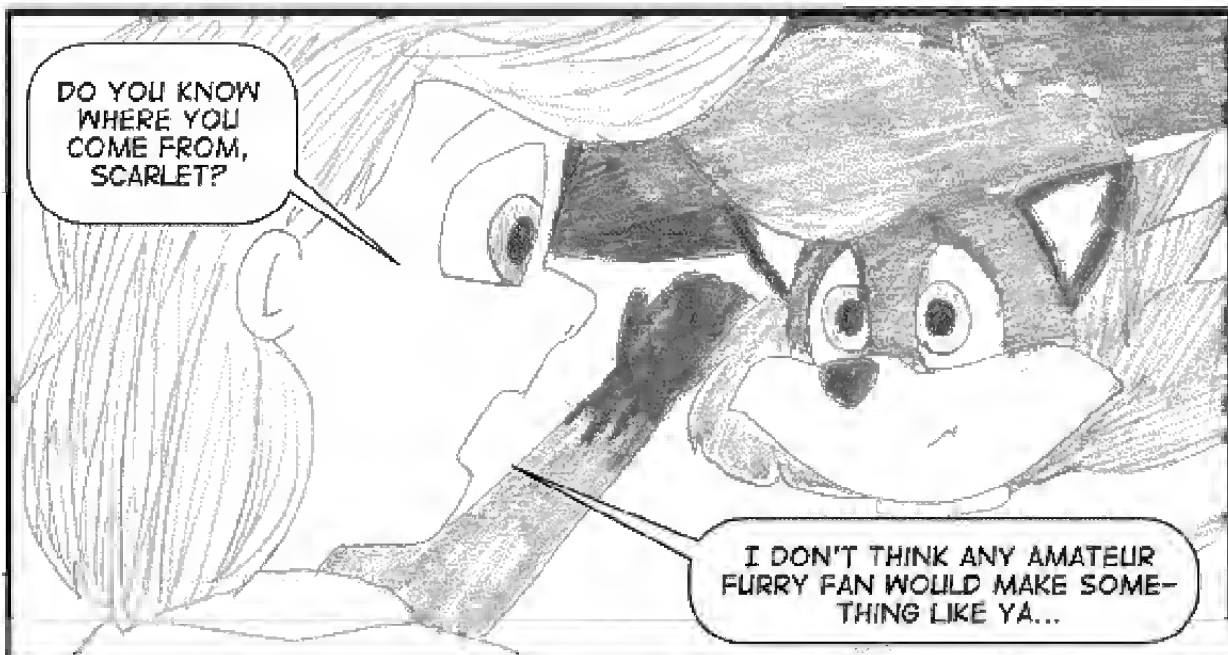
SOFT AND WARM.

ALL NATURAL FIBERS...

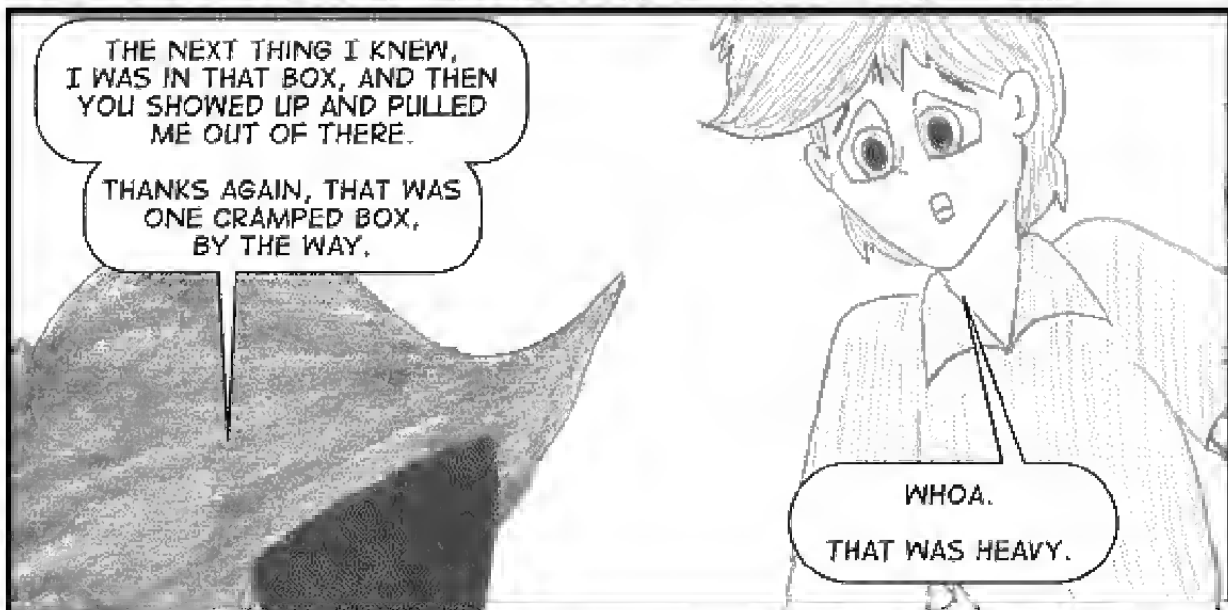
DO I FEEL
A PULSE?



DO YOU KNOW
WHERE YOU
COME FROM,
SCARLET?



I DON'T THINK ANY AMATEUR
FURRY FAN WOULD MAKE SOME-
THING LIKE YA...



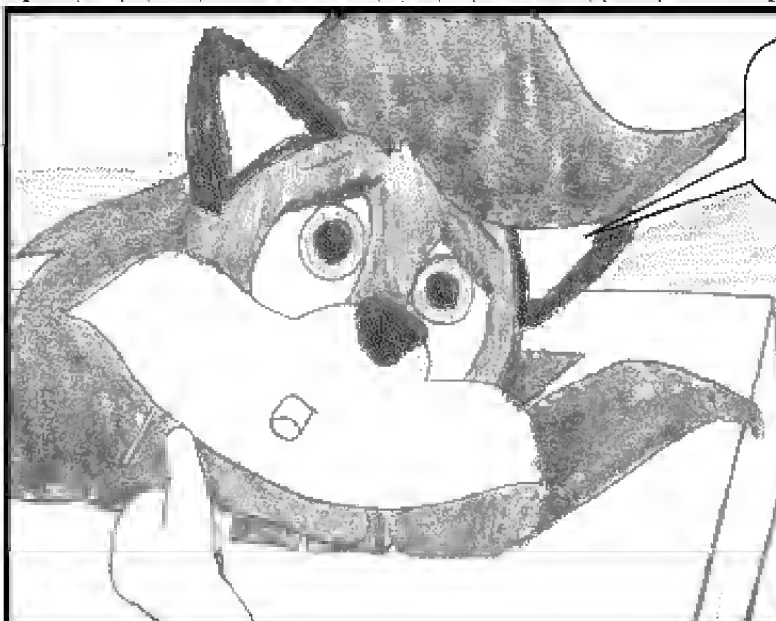


I WANT TO KNOW WHAT THIS LAB IS ALL ABOUT.

I WANT TO KNOW WHY THEY DUMPED ME AFTER ALL THIS TIME.

AND MOST OF ALL, YOU MUST UNDERSTAND, I AM NOT THE KIND OF WOMAN WHO TAKES GETTING KICKED TO THE CURB LIGHTLY!!

BUT I CAN'T DO IT ALONE, JIM.



I KNOW I'LL BE ASKING
A LOT FROM YOU,
JIM, SO I NEED TO
TELL YOU THIS
UP FRONT:

WHEN SOMEBODY WEARS
ME, MY BODYSUIT WILL
MERGE MOLECULARLY
WITH YOUR BODY, WHICH
WILL BE ALTERED TO
ASSUME MY FORM.

THIS INCLUDES
CHANGING GENDERS
WITH ALL ANATOMICAL
PARTS INVOLVED.

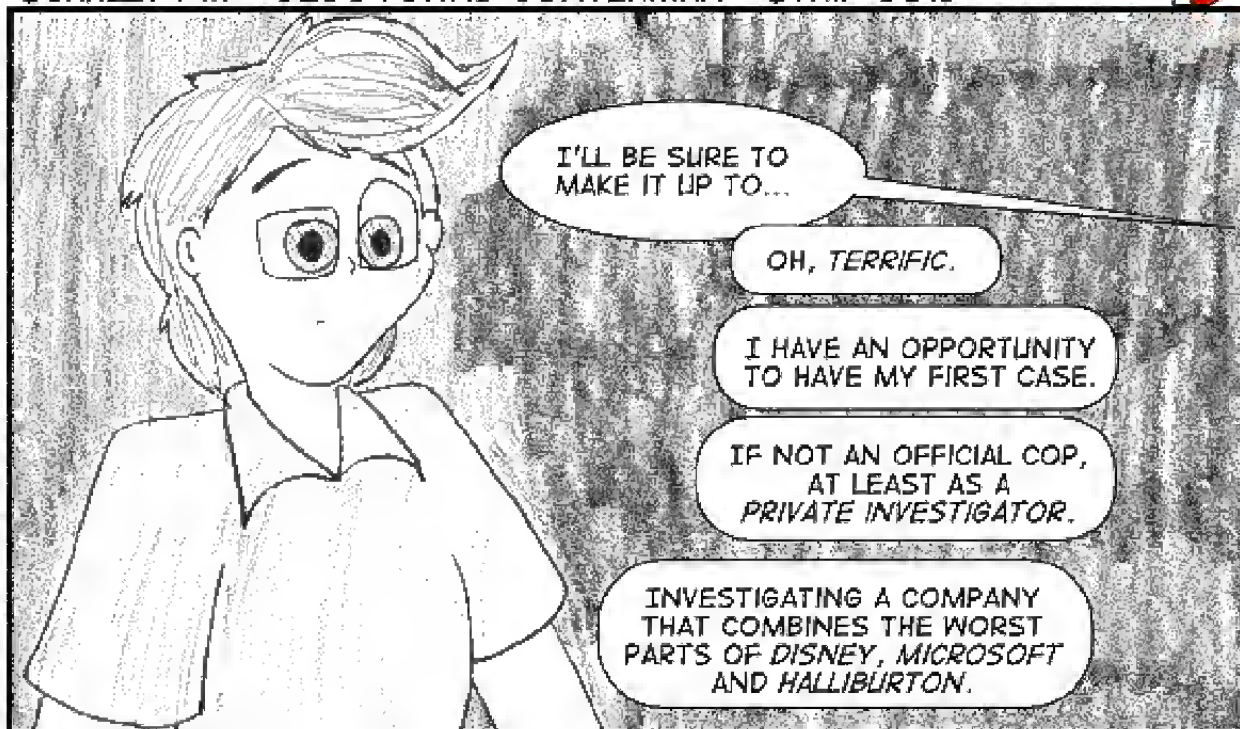
ALSO, MY HEADPIECE WILL
INSERT MY MIND, PERSONALITY,
AND MEMORIES INTO THE
HOST'S BRAIN. BEFOREHAND,
I WAS PUT ON BY HOSTS
WHO HAVE THEIR BRAINS
WIPE CLEAN OF THEIR
OWN MIND, BUT SINCE YOU
STILL HAVE YOUR OWN...

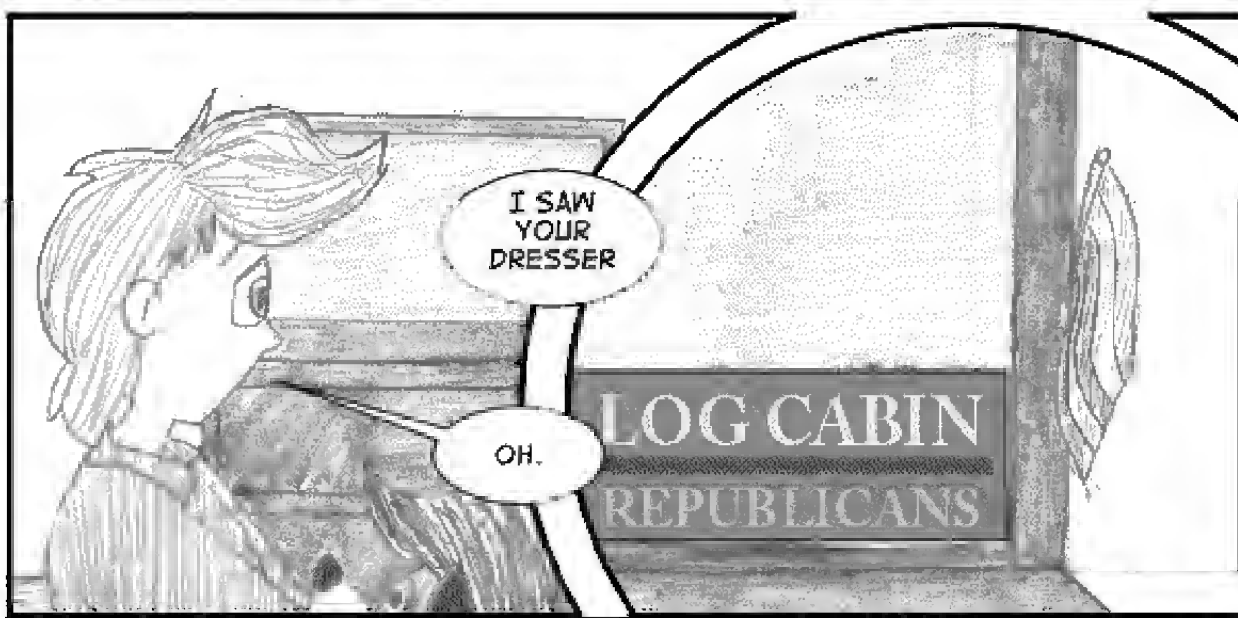
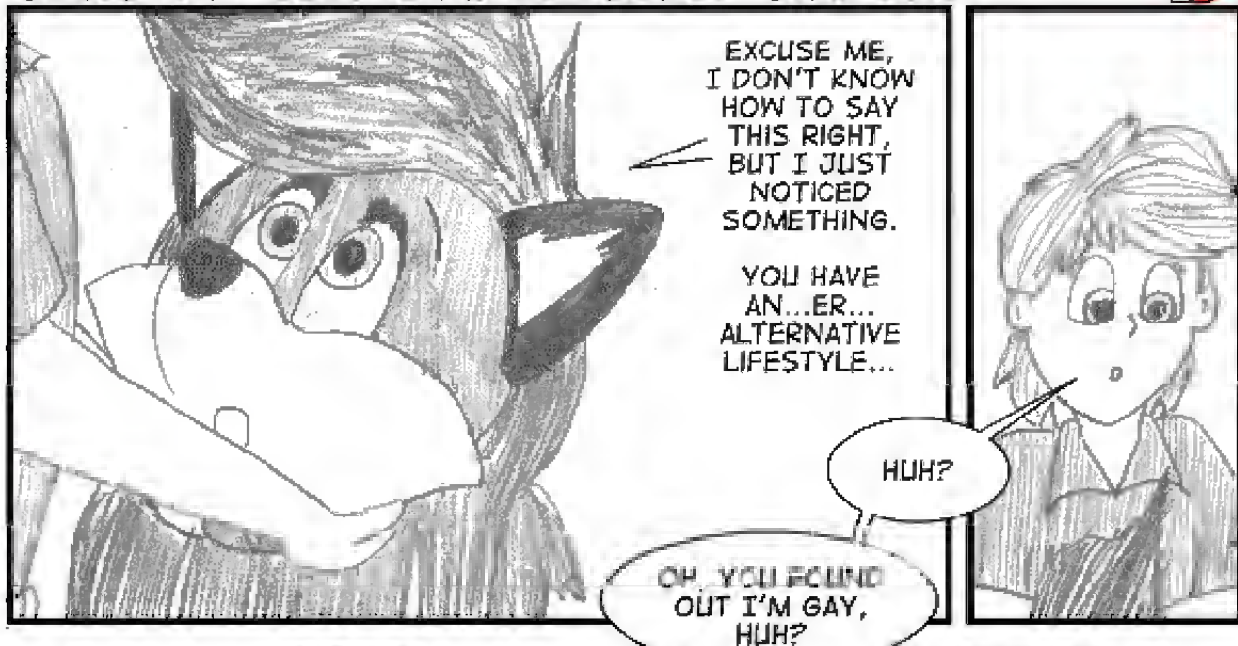
I MUST SAY THAT
THE CHANGES TO
YOUR BODY AND MIND
WILL BE VERY EXTREME
AND QUITE POSSIBLY
IRREVERSIBLE.

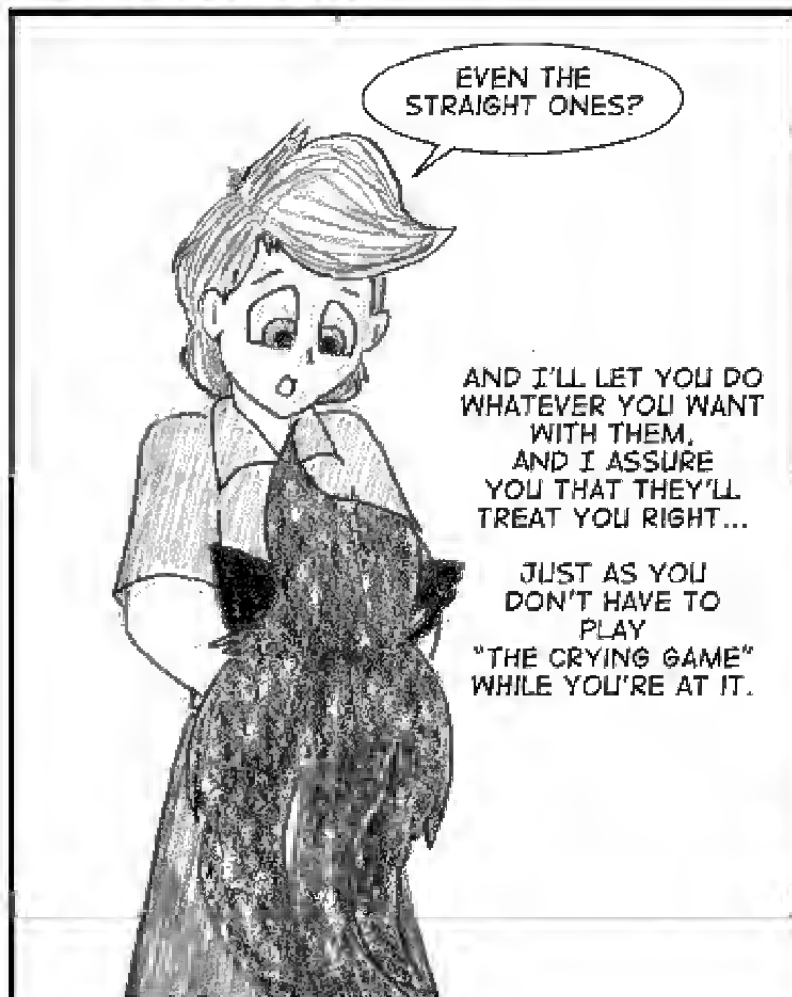
...AND IN ORDER
TO GET TO THE
BOTTOM OF
THIS...YOU NEED
ME TO PUT
YOU ON AND
BE YOUR HOST.

I'M AFRAID
SO, JIM.











NOW THEN. LET'S
GET THIS OVER WITH,
SHALL WE?

OH, COME NOW. IT'S
NOT LIKE I SAW
ANYONE NA--

SCARLET!!

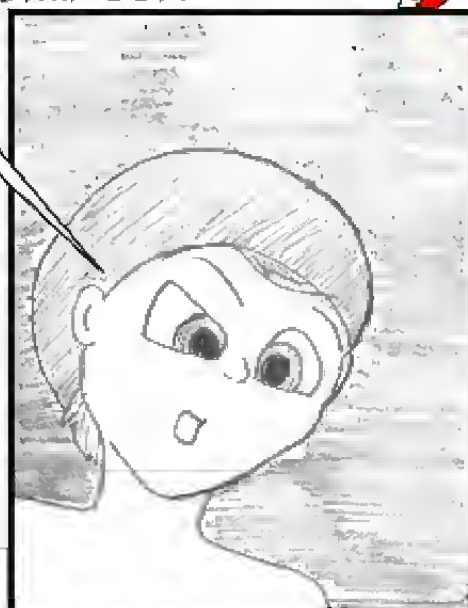


NOT VERY
COMFORTABLE
IN YOUR
SKIN
ARE YOU?

NO I AM NOT!

WHAT IS THIS....GOO?

pulllll...



FROM WHAT I HEARD,
IT IS SOME SORT OF
EXPERIMENTAL
NANOTECH STUFF,
WHATEVER THAT IS..

ALL I KNOW IS THAT
'THIS GOO' ALLOWS ME
TO BOND WITH MY
WEARER'S SKIN,

REPLACING THE BODY'S
SKIN WITH MY FUR COAT.



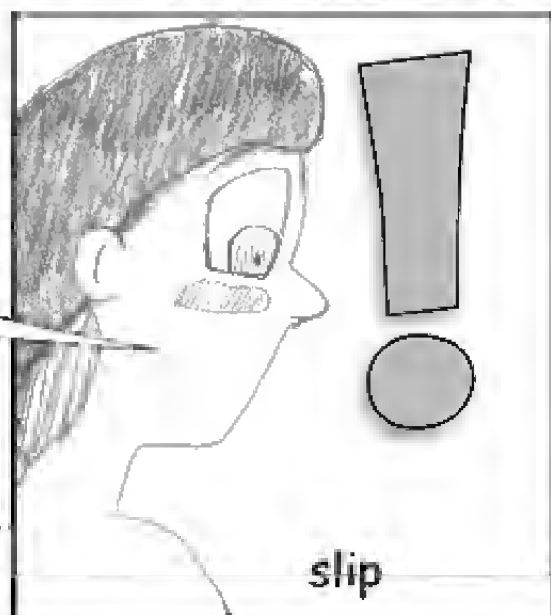
UGH...I NEED TO SI--

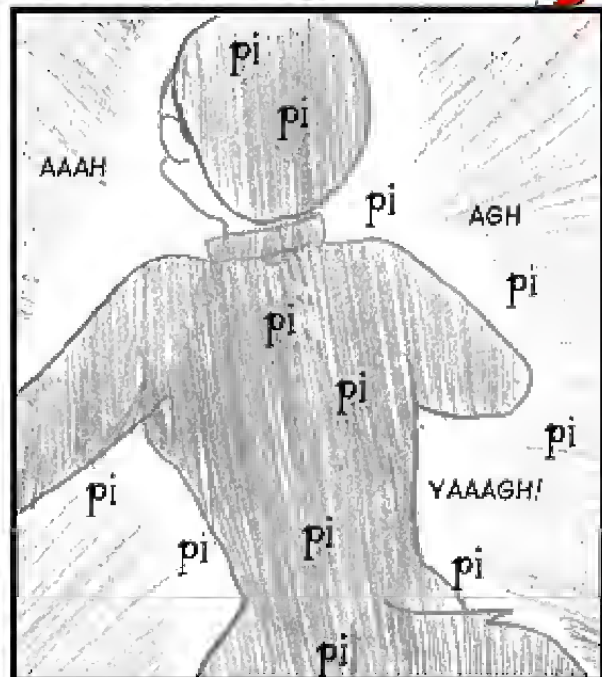
AAAAAGG!

IT LIKE DIPPING INTO
AFTER SHAVE THAT'S HEATED
UP A BIT TOO MUCH!

wince







UM,
SCAR-
LET?

HMM?

I'M NOTICING
THAT I'M NOT
MOVING MY
BODY RIGHT
NOW...

BUT YOU
ARE...

OF COURSE
I AM,
SILLY.

AS I HINTED
TO EARLIER,
RIGHT NOW,
FROM THE
NECK DOWN,
YOUR BODY
IS NOW MINE.

DON'T ASK ME
HOW I CAN
MOVE..ER,
LET'S MAKE IT
OUR BODY...
WITH MY HEAD
LYING ON YOUR
BED RIGHT
NOW.

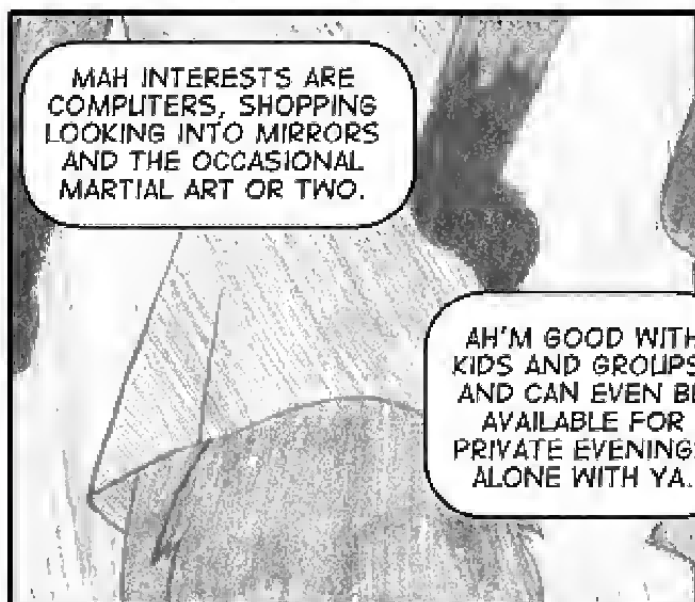
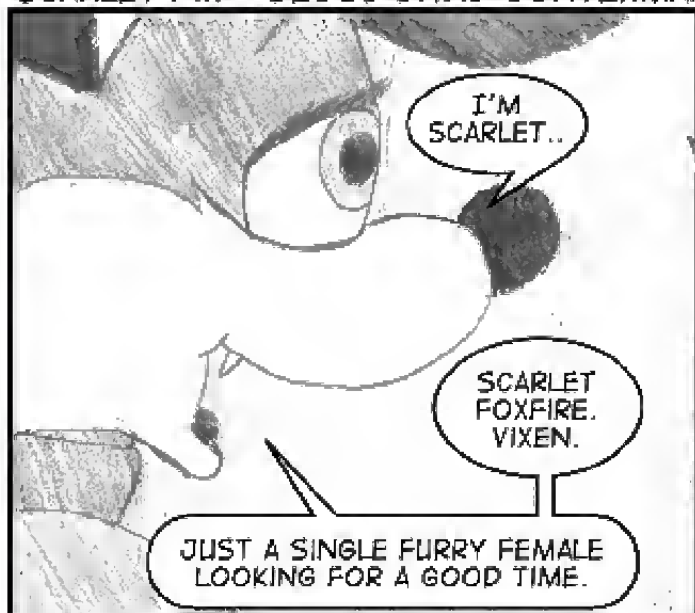
AND BY NOW THAT
SKULLCAP ON YOUR HEAD
IS NOW READY TO
CONNECT MY MIND
INTO YOUR BRAIN.

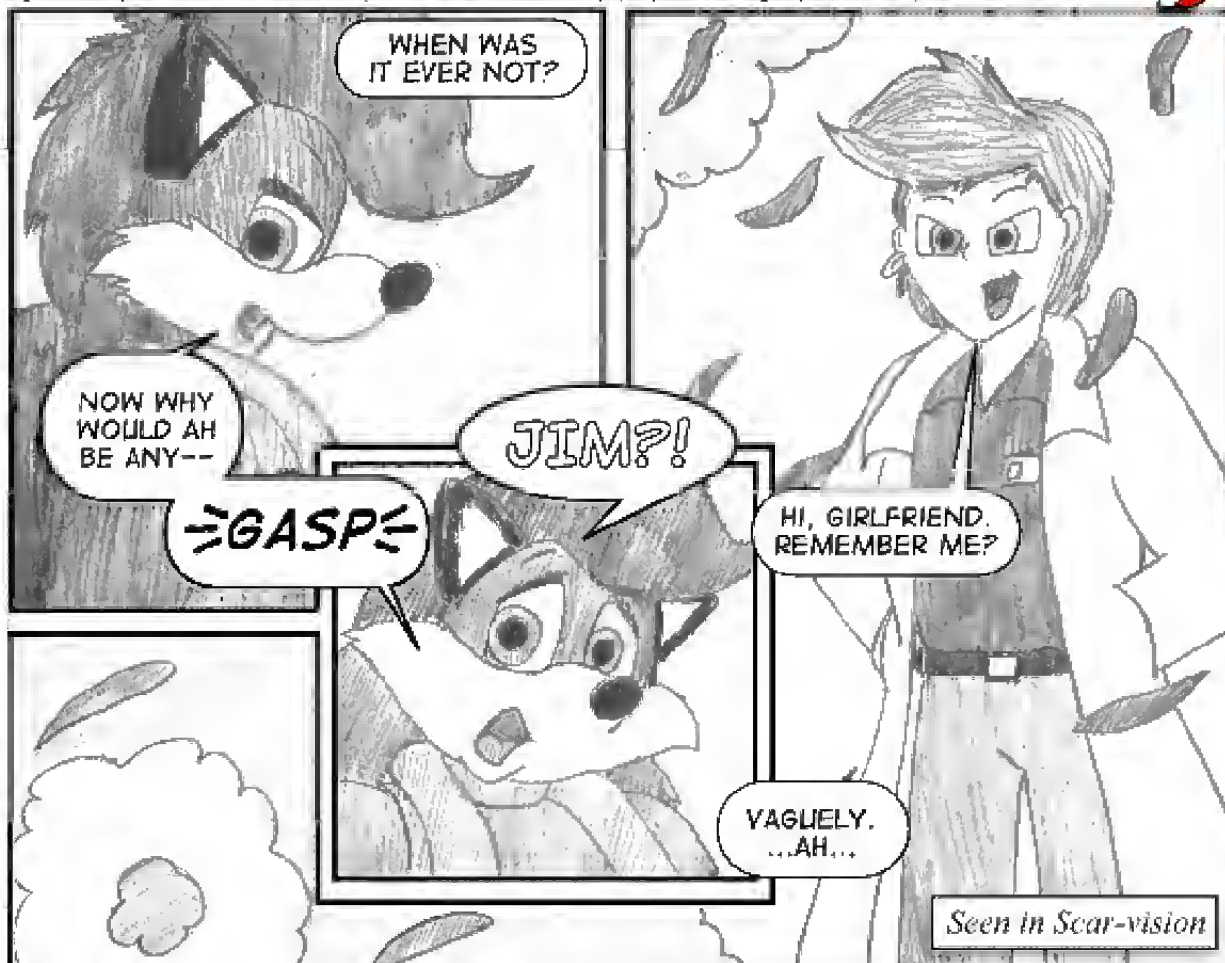
AT THAT
POINT,
I'LL BECOME
YOU.
ALL THE WAY.
RIGHT?

THAT'S HOW
IT WORKS,
JIM.











AND YOAH WHAT'S
LEFT OF THE JIM
GOODLOW WHO
PUT ME ON, ARE YA?

HOW YA DOIN',
SWEETIE?

IT'S KINDA WIERD,
SCARLET. FIRST
I TURNED INTO
A DIFFRENT
PERSON, AND NOW
I'M HAVING A
CONVERSATION
WITH MYSELF.

DO ALL HOSTS
FEEL THIS WAY.

AH WAGER THEY
WOULD'VE...IF
THEIR MINDS
WEREN'T ERASED
BEFOREHAND.

BUT YOAH
DIFFRENT.
YOUR MIND'S
STILL ACTIVE
EVEN AFTER
I TOOK OVER
EVERYTHING
ELSE OF YA.

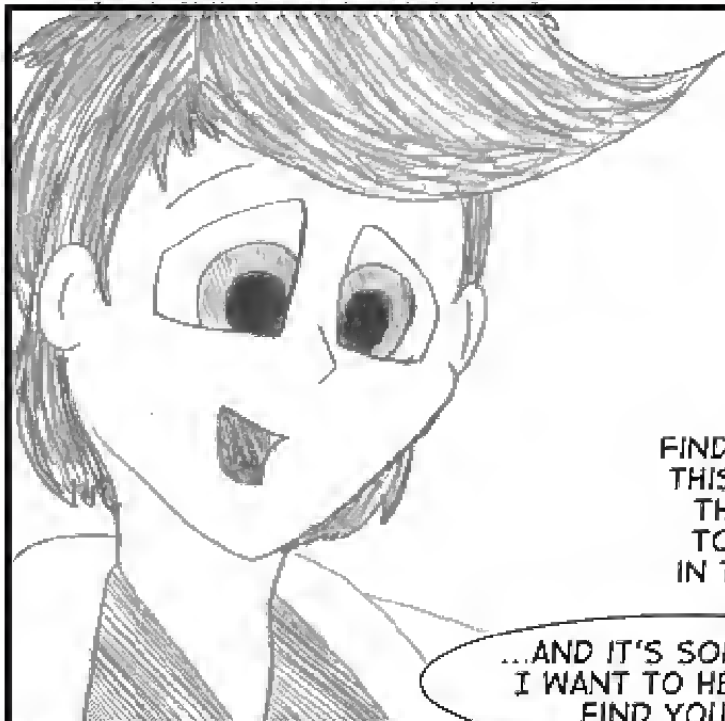
BUTCHA STILL
PRETTY MUCH
ARRITE, AH HOPE.

HOPE YOU'RE
THE SAME TOO
SCARLET.

licksmooch







IT'S STUFF I'VE BEEN
GOING THROUGH AS WELL.

AS A PROSPECTIVE
POLICE OFFICER...

AS A SEMI-OUT-OF-
THE-CLOSET
HOMOSEXUAL...

HECK, AS A HUMAN
BEING IN GENERAL

FINDING YOUR PLACE IN
THIS WORLD IS SOME-
THING WE ALL HAVE
TO DEAL WITH HERE
IN THE REAL WORLD...

...AND IT'S SOMETHING
I WANT TO HELP YOU
FIND YOURS.



TOGETHER?
AS ONE?

OF COURSE,
PUMKIN.

WE ARE SHARING
THE SAME BODY,
AFTER ALL.

OH, JIMMIE...

SCAR...





OOOOH, JIMMIE

IF ONLY YOU
KNEW WHAT THIS
MEANS TO ME.

WARM FUR,
TO GO WITH
MY WARM HEART.

A SOLID BODY
WITH MY
SOFT VOICE

TO FEEL SO
WHOLE...

...SO ALIVE...

...SO...

...ME



HAHAHAHAHAHA!!

LISTEN TO TH'
WAY AH'M
TALKING...

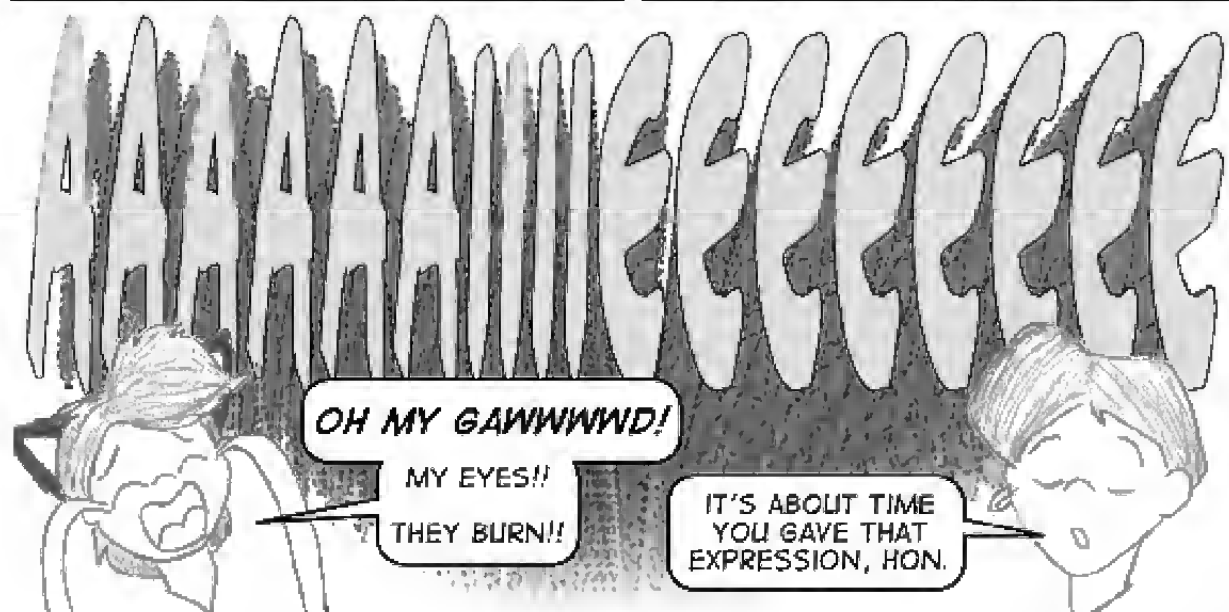
IT'S LIKE BEIN'
A TOTALLY
DIFFERENT
PERSON.

THIS IS REALLY
GONNA TAKE A
LOT TO GET USED TO.

BUT AT LEAST
YOU'RE ENJOYING
IT, 'SCARLET.'

I KNOW
I AM.

HUH?



AH WAS AFRAID
THIS WOULD
HAPPEN.

AH KNEW THAT IT WOULD
TAKE A WHILE FOR MAH
HOST'S MEMORIES TO
COME OVER T' MAH OWN
MEMORIES, AND THAT IT'LL
BE SOMEWHAT UNNERVIN'
FOAH ME IN TH'
MEANTAHM...

BUT IT WOULD HAV'TA
HAPPEN WHEN....ER
...WHEN IT HAPPENED,
DID IT?

YEAH, YOU TOLD ME.

AND WITH YOUR
HANGUPS, DU--

TONI, PLEASE,
IT'S SCARLET
NOW.

OH, SORRY
SCARLET.

'S OKAY.

IT AIN'T LIKE
AH'M GOING TO
BE ABLE T'
TAKE OFF THIS
HEAR COSTUME
ANYTAHM SOON.

YOU TOLD
ME ABOUT
THAT TOO.

SO, SUGAH,
HOW'S BEIN'
WITH A REAL
VIXEN F' YA?

WELL...

YOU'RE SOFT,
WARM, AND
ALL NATURAL.

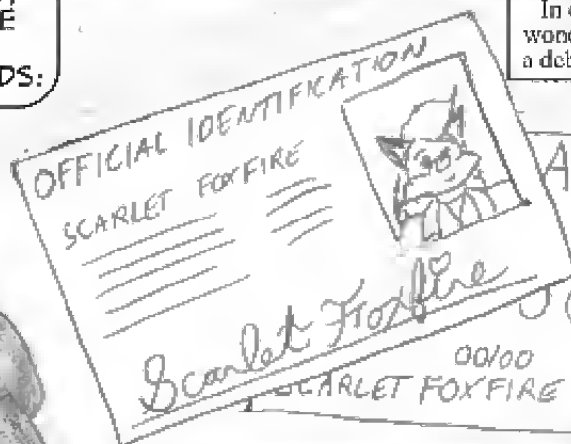
I CAN'T
COMPLAIN.





FOR STARTERS,
YOU NOW HAVE
TWO THINGS
EVERY GIRL NEEDS:

YOUR VERY
OWN I.D.
AND BANK
ACCOUNT



In case you're
wondering, that's
a debit/atm card..

AND FOR A
PART TIME
INCOME, YOU
WERE MODELING
SOME OF MY
COUTURE FOR
ADS FOR MY
CLOTHING STORE

OHMYGOD, THE CAMERA
REALLY DOES ADD
TEN POUNDS:

FIVE IN EACH BOOB!!

I'VE ALSO FOUND SOMETHING
ELSE WHILE I WAS...ER...
BEING WITH YOU ALL THIS
TIME, SCARLET.

Linspire

I BROUGHT MY LAPTOP HERE.

I THINK THIS IS SOMETHING
YOU SHOULD SEE.

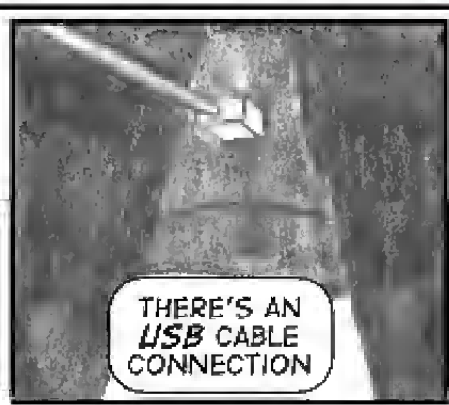
THERE MAY BE SOME CLUES
AS TO HOW YOU WERE MADE
AND WHO MADE YOU.

SOMEWHERE
IN YOUR
HEADPIECE...

piku

piku

LOST BEHIND
ALL THAT HAIR
OF YOURS...



WHICH I CAN CONNECT
TO MY COMPUTER
WITH EASE...

BLEEP

AND WHEN I DID...

THIS IS WHAT
I'VE GOT ON
MY COMPUTER
SCREEN.

WHOA....

WHAT IS THAT?



IT'S A READOUT OF YOUR
SHARED BRAIN OF SOME SORT.

WHAT SURPRISES ME IS THAT
I CAN UNDERSTAND WHAT'S
GOING ON:

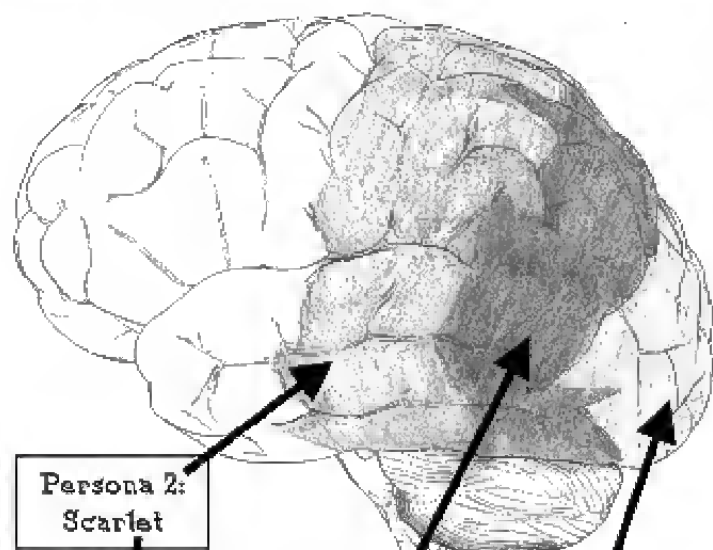
OVER THE COURSE OF A LIFE-
TIME, THE AVERAGE HUMAN
BRAIN ONLY FILLS UP, AT
MOST, **TEN PERCENT** OF IT'S
TOTAL CAPACITY OF MEM-
ORIES, AND THAT'S INCLUDES
YOUR SUBCONSCIOUS
MEMORIES AS WELL.

THAT'S 90% LEFT WHICH CAN
BE USED FOR MANY OTHER
PURPOSES,

LIKE A SECOND PERSONALITY.

THAT'S WHAT THE SUIT IS
DOING TO YOUR AND JIM'S
BRAIN, SCARLET. IT PUT
YOUR PERSONALITY INTO
AN UNUSED PART OF HIS
BRAIN, WHILE JIM'S ORIGINAL
MEMORIES AND PERSONA
REMAINS IN IT'S OWN AREA
MORE OR LESS UNTOUCHED.

I'VE SEEN COMPUTERS THAT
CAN RUN TWO OPERATING
SYSTEMS THAT WORK
IN A WAY SIMILAR TO THIS.



Persona 2:
Scarlet

Persona 1:
Jim

The part of the
brain the body
needs to live.

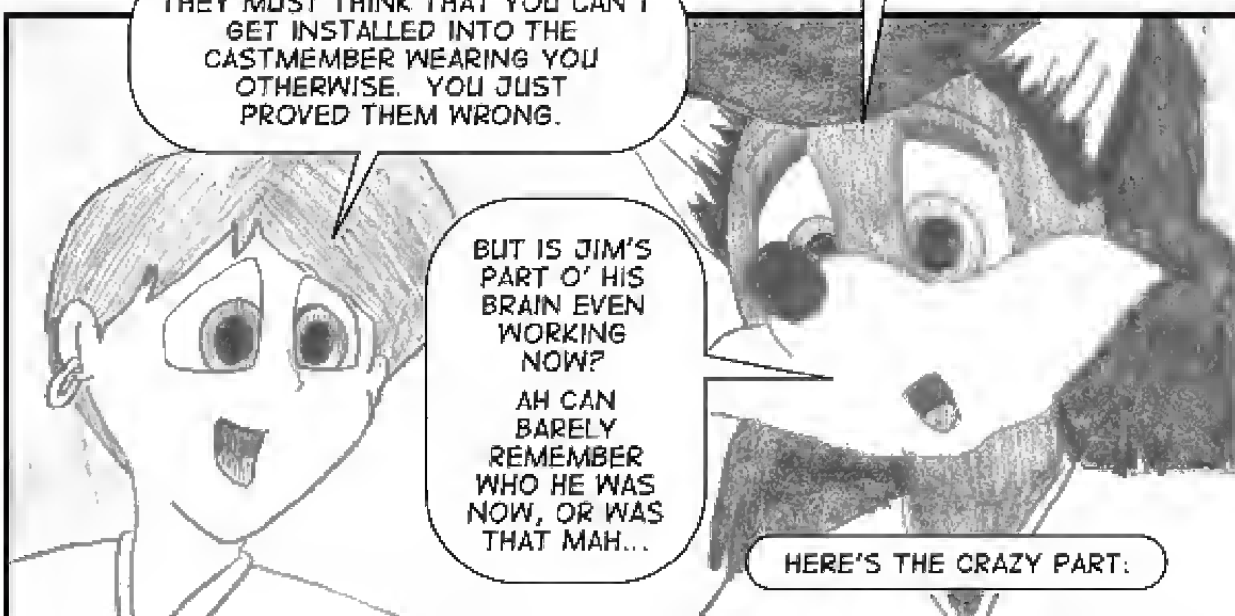
WHOA....AND I THINK THAT
TH' LAB WHO MADE US JUST GO
AND ERASE TH' MEMORIES OF
THE WEARER OUTRIGHT.

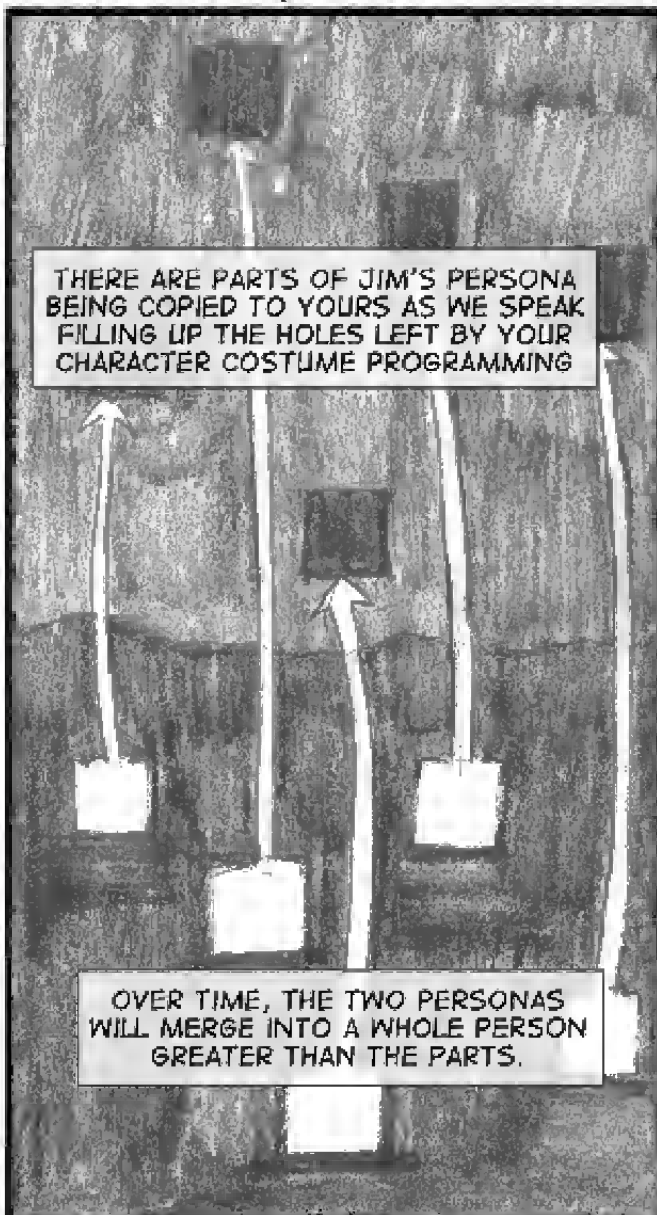
THEY MUST THINK THAT YOU CAN'T
GET INSTALLED INTO THE
CASTMEMBER WEARING YOU
OTHERWISE. YOU JUST
PROVED THEM WRONG.

BUT IS JIM'S
PART O' HIS
BRAIN EVEN
WORKING
NOW?

AH CAN
BARELY
REMEMBER
WHO HE WAS
NOW, OR WAS
THAT MAH...

HERE'S THE CRAZY PART:





THERE ARE PARTS OF JIM'S PERSONA BEING COPIED TO YOURS AS WE SPEAK FILLING UP THE HOLES LEFT BY YOUR CHARACTER COSTUME PROGRAMMING

OVER TIME, THE TWO PERSONAS WILL MERGE INTO A WHOLE PERSON GREATER THAN THE PARTS.

THERE MAY BE OTHER TIMES WHEN YOU FEEL A BIT SCHIZY AS THE TWO PERSONAS MERGE, BUT OVER TIME YOU'LL...



SCAR?



HEY, I KNOW THAT LOOK IN YOUR FACE...

JIM SHOWS THAT SAME LOOK WHEN HE'S WORRIED.

IT'LL BE OKAY.

I'LL BE HERE FOR YOU, SCARLET.

I KNOW THAT, UNDER
ALL THAT FUR, UNDER
ALL THE CHANGES YOU
MADE...

THERE'S STILL A GOOD-
LOW THAT I'VE BEEN
DRAWN TO SINCE
THE DAY I FIRST MET
YOU...

YOU HAVE MY WORD:

WE'LL WALK THROUGH
WHATEVER PROBLEMS
YOU'LL HAVE AHEAD
OF YOU, SCARLET...

AND I'LL HELP YOU
DEAL WITH THAT LAB
YOU CAME FROM.



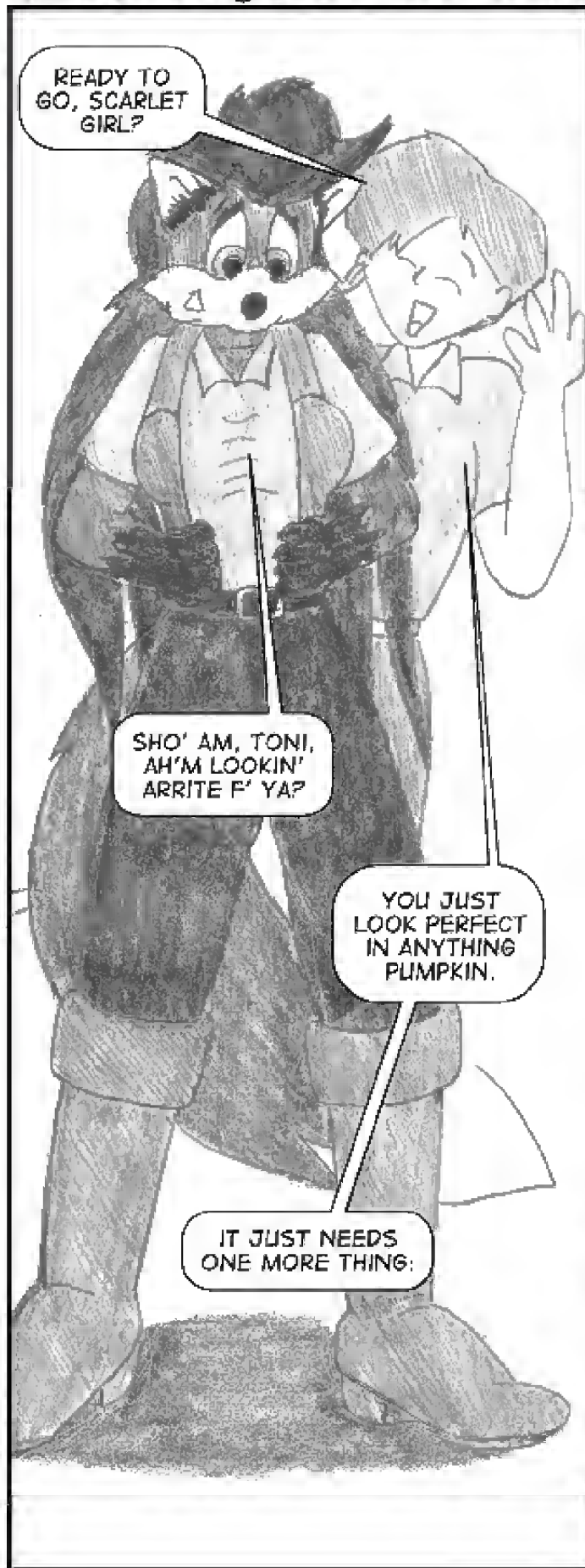
OOOOOOH,
TONIIIIIEEE...

THAT IS SOO
SWEET OF YOU.

HAHAHAHAHA!!



SCAR! CUT IT--
HAHAHA...IF I KNEW
YOU'RE THIS
AFFECTIONATE...



READY TO
GO, SCARLET
GIRL?

SHO' AM, TONI,
AH'M LOOKIN'
ARRITE F' YA?

YOU JUST
LOOK PERFECT
IN ANYTHING
PUMPKIN.

IT JUST NEEDS
ONE MORE THING:

THE ULTIMATE
ACCESSORY
FOR YA.



WHAT'S THIS?

A PERSONALIZED
DOG COLLAR?

BUT I'M
A FOX.



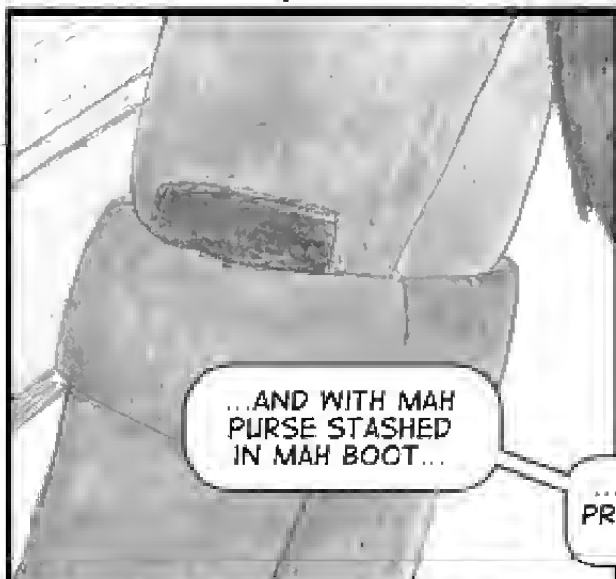
IT'S YOUR NAMETAG, SCAR.

IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVE THE
NERVE TO PIN IT DIRECTLY
ON YOUR FURRY SKIN..

BESIDES, THE COLLAR
HIDES THAT CREASE
AROUND YOUR NECK
PERFECTLY.



YOAH RIGHT, IT DOES....
...AND IT'S JUST DAHLING
GIGGLE



...AND WITH MAH
PURSE STASHED
IN MAH BOOT...



...AH JUST NEED A LIL
PRIMPING TO BE READY
TO GO, SUGAH.



LITTLE?

IT'S BEEN 20
MINUTES,
GIRLFRIEND.

BUT AH JUST
WANNA LOOK
MAH BEST, TONI.

WHO KNOWS WHAT
CUTE GUYS AH
MIGHT MEET
TODAY...

AND THEN THERE'S
TOMMY AND TILLY
WHO LIKE TO
HANG AROUND WITH
LITTL OL ME.



YOU MEAN THE
PRETEEN
FRATERNAL
TWINS,
SCARLET?

AH KNOW,
AH KNOW...

BUT AH CAN
REMEMBER THEM
THE MOST, TONI...

AND I LIKE THEIR
COMPANY THE MOST,
I'VE FOUND...

A MEMORY SYSTEM
FOR NAMES AND FACES.

COULD THAT BE
PART OF YOUR
AMUSEMENT
PARK ROUTINES
THAT GOT PUT
INTO THAT SUIT?

Y' MAY HAVE
SUMTHIN' THERE,
TONI.

MIGHT AS WELL
PUT IT TO
GOOD USE, RIGHT?

WELL, I...

IT'S SETTLED
THEN, LET'S
GO, SUGAH.

SCARLET, WAIT. WHAT IF
YOU HAVE ANOTHER
SCHIZOIDIC EPISODE
LIKE WE HAD BEFORE?

TONI, DEAR, ARE MY
LITTL OL' BRAINS ABOUT
TO OOZE OUTTA MAH EARS?

ER...NOT THAT
I KNOW OF...

... THEN LET'S
NOT WORRY
ABOUT IT...

IT'S A MAGICAL
WORLD NOW,
TONI, MY DEAR...

LET'S GO
EXPLORIN'

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Chapter One--End